

# Step-by-Step Instructions for How to Apply to the Mayor's Youth Council

Go to <http://www.houstontx.gov/myc/apply.html> and click 'Click here for the Online Application'

The screenshot shows the City of Houston's official website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links like Home, I Want To..., Government, Residents, Business, Departments, Visitors, and En Espanol. Below this is a banner for the Mayor's Youth Council. The main content area is titled 'Apply for the MYC' and includes a quote from Kimberly Maima about the experience. A sidebar on the left lists 'MYC Links' such as About Us, Application, and Events. At the bottom, there are contact details for Cameron Waldner and Katherine Price.

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### Mayor's Youth Council

#### MYC Links

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#### Apply for the MYC

"Applying to the Mayor's Youth Council is a challenging and rewarding experience. The application process required me to emphasize my strengths and involvement in the community. There is also an interview with the Mayor's Youth Council sponsors. The sponsors made sure that I understood the time commitment and dedication required to be a member. The whole application process was very professional and gave me a clear idea of what would be expected of me as a youth council member."

~ Kimberly Maima

- [Click Here For The Online Application](#)
  - MYC is looking for well rounded students that are passionate about serving the city of Houston. Your application is reviewed carefully to determine whether you are a candidate.
  - An email will be sent to your E-Mail address
    - 90-100 applications will be approved for an interview
- Interview
  - Interviewed before 5 advisors
    - Advisors

**Cameron Waldner**  
Chief Service Officer, City of Houston

**Katherine Price**  
Volunteer Initiatives Program

This will bring you to the mission statement, where you will click '[Sign Up](#)' on the right-hand side

The screenshot shows the 'Mission Statement' page of the Mayor's Youth Council. It features a header with the City of Houston logo and a cityscape background. The main content area contains the mission statement text. On the right side, there are two prominent buttons: 'SIGN UP!' (circled in red) and 'LOGIN!'. Below these are social media sharing icons and a 'Share' button.

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### Mayor's Office - Mayor's Youth Council

#### Mission Statement

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**I would like to volunteer**  
**SIGN UP!**

**I have already signed up from this page.**  
**LOGIN!**

Share | Facebook | Twitter | Email

The next page will ask if you have registered with MyVolunteerPage.com, and you should click 'No.' (Return applicants click yes, sign in, and directly edit your info in your home page)

## VOLUNTEER Sign Up

### Welcome to myVolunteerPage.com

The following pages will help walk you through the process of creating your own volunteer profile and filling in a volunteer application form for: **Mayor's Office - Mayor's Youth Council**  
Do you have an existing myVolunteerPage.com username and password?

Forgot your password?

[Reset Password](#)

[View the myVolunteerPage.com Privacy Policy](#)

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To sign up, enter in what you want your username to be, and the email that you want to accompany your myvolunteerpge.com account. Then click 'Next'

## VOLUNTEER Sign Up

You will need to select a unique username to identify yourself to the system. You should select something that is easy for you to remember such as your email address or your name. Your username must be a least 6 characters long.

Username:   
Email Address:   
Verify Email Address:

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After doing this, you will be redirected to the main application page. You should first enter in your "Volunteering" information. All large response areas should be filled as complete as possible. **Be sure to click 'Save' as often as possible so you do not lose what you have already written!!**

## Additional Info

Save

### VOLUNTEERING

ACKNOWLEDGMENT, WAIVER AND RELEASE -	Yes
Why do you want to volunteer?	<p>[+][-]</p> <p>I want to volunteer because I love helping others, and want to give back to my community. I truly enjoy the experience of volunteering, and want the citizens of Houston to see and benefit from this passion. I currently volunteer at Shelter A and Soup Kitchen B, and have made long-lasting connections there. I would like to expand my service opportunities by becoming a member of the mayor's youth council.</p>
Please include your interests, hobbies, skills, and experiences to help us identify other possible placements	<p>[+][-]</p> <p>I have been a member of my high school swim team for three years, and I am running for captain this upcoming year. I have also been involved in Speech and Debate this past year, and will continue next year. Outside of school, I am a member of Boy Scout Troop 555, and am working on my Eagle Scout project. In my free time, I enjoy skateboarding and playing guitar. I have been on service trips to Guatemala and Honduras, and believe these experiences will help me in any MYC duties.</p>
How did you hear about our volunteer opportunity?	Facebook

Fill out the 'Emergency Contact Information' and 'About You' with short responses.

How did you hear about our volunteer opportunity?	Facebook
Where have you volunteered in the past?	Shelter A, Soup Kitchen E
Do you have community service to fill? (Court Ordered)	No
May we contact you to improve our services?	Yes

### EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name	Jane B. Doe
Primary Phone Number	713-555-5556
Secondary Phone Number	713-000-0001
Email	janebdoe@zmail.com
Relationship	Mother











### ABOUT YOU








If you speak any language(s) other than English, please specify	Spanish
Gender	Male





### Mayor's Youth Council - Application

This brings you to the main application. Answer these questions to the best and fullest of your ability, as you will be mainly evaluated by these questions. The next three screenshots will show about how much writing is appropriate.

### Mayor's Youth Council - Application

How did you hear about the Mayor's Youth Council?	<div>[+][-]</div> <div>I first saw it from a Facebook share from a friend, which led me to the Houston Volunteer Initiatives Program Facebook Page (IMPORTANT: like that page to get updates on the MYC applications and opportunities)</div> <div> </div>
Do you know any of the current Mayor's Youth Council Members? If yes, please list name(s).	<div>No</div> <div> </div>
Do you have any experience working on projects to improve your community or speaking out on youth issues? If so, describe your experience.	<div>[+][-]</div> <div>I have participated in many organized service projects, such as the Souper Bowl of Caring, Serve Katy, Angels of Light, etc. I have also taken a mission trip to Honduras, as well as a service trip to Guatemala. I have spoken on youth issues as a member of KHS student council, where I was the treasurer.</div> <div> </div>
How has your experience prepared you to become a leader?	<div>[+][-]</div> <div>My experience as a student council officer has helped prepare me to become a leader as it has given me experience speaking for a larger group of people, as well as acting as a liaison between the students and governing bodies. My involvement in sports and Boy Scouts has helped me become more independent, and has taught me the value of hard work and dedication.</div> <div> </div>
List all activities and organizations that you belong to:	<div>[+][-]</div> <div>Varsity Swimming and Diving Speech and Debate Team Boy Scouts of America - Troop 555 KHS Student Council Treasurer Second Baptist Church Volunteering Opportunities Listed Above</div> <div> </div>

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Do you have a part-time job? If yes, how many hours will you or do you work per week?	No   *
Approximately how much time a week do you spend in extra-curriculum activities?	15  *
Which of your non-academic activities would you not be able to miss for Youth Council?	<div>[+][-]</div> <div>Only Varsity Swimming</div>
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What do you think are major concerns to youth today?	<div>[+][-]</div> <div>I think three of the biggest concerns/threats to youth today are: dropping out of school, gang-related violence, and alcohol abuse.</div>
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What are some roadblocks between youth and adults?	<div>[+][-]</div> <div>I think many of the roadblocks between youth and adults stems from the idea that youths' opinions don't matter. This can lead to the thinking that youths have little to contribute to society, and that they have not experienced enough to have an informed view on certain problems and topics today. While it is very tough to overcome this perception, it is a task that must be undertaken, to help foster bonds between youth and adults.</div>
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Describe an experience that presented a challenge for you. How did you overcome that challenge?	<div>[+][-]</div>

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List five qualities that describe a good leader. Why are these qualities important?	<div>[+][-]</div> <div>Motivated, Hard-working, Contemplative, Patient, Decisive</div> <div>These are important because each quality is somewhat tempered by the other four, at least to where none can dominate the others. A leader must be motivated to work hard, must think through his/her decisions, be patient in achieving things or listening to people, and be able to firmly make decisions after thinking them through.</div>
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Find out as much information as you can about the City Council district where you live.	<div>[+][-]</div> <div>I live in West Houston, in City Council district F. District F encompasses a large part of west and far southwest Houston, including Alief, Eldridge/West Oaks, Midwest and Westchase super neighborhoods, as well as George Bush Park. My councilman is Al Hoang, who serves as vice chair on the committee of Quality of Life. Councilman Hoang is the first Vietnamese-American to serve on the Houston city council.</div>
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Once finished, click the '[Save](#)' button in the lower right-hand corner. After doing so, you will be asked to answer a few questions in the "Qualification" information section.

## VOLUNTEER Sign Up

**Qualifications**

Qualification	Value	Expiry Date
Age range	<input type="text" value="Under 18"/>	<input type="button" value="v"/>
Are you a returning member of the Mayor's Youth Council?	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="button" value="v"/> ⓘ
Do you reside within the City of Houston?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	<input type="button" value="v"/> ⓘ

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You will then be redirected to the confirmation page. Click "[Go to My Profile](#)" to make sure all your information is correct, as well as to ensure you know your username/password.

## VOLUNTEER Sign Up

**Mayor's Office - Mayor's Youth Council**

Thank you for your interest in volunteering. Click the options below to review your profile or to log out.

Be sure to check your email for some important information from us and we will follow up with you again as soon as we can.

[Go to my profile](#)   [Log out](#)

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(one last page below)

This is what your home page should look like. Much of the information regarding your application will be posted here.



## Home - Welcome John

### Mayor's Office - Mayor's Youth Council

#### News

The mission of the MYC provides high school students the opportunity to develop leadership and citizenship skills while learning about city government. The MYC emulates the Houston City Council with a chairperson (Mayor), city secretary, nine district and five at large council positions and their accompanying aides. Youth Council members will gain an understanding of city departments and a rapport with community leaders, citizens and elected officials.

The Youth Service Corps is an extension of the MYC, and provides much needed support for the Council in their outreach.

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#### HOURS:

This Week: 0

This Month: 0

This Year: 0

[No upcoming shifts](#)

Last, but not least:

**Be sure to follow us on social media!!!**

[Facebook.com/VIPHouston](https://www.facebook.com/VIPHouston)

Twitter: [@VIPHouston](https://twitter.com/VIPHouston)

A lot of the Mayor's Youth Council info and events will be posted here, as well as application results. Please like/follow us, and encourage your friends to as well!

If you have any questions, feel free to ask!! You can email us at [volunteer@houstontx.gov](mailto:volunteer@houstontx.gov)